

## RUSSIAN CHURCH ASKED TO TELL TRUTH OF JEWS

Episcopal Deputies, in Session Here, Call for Statement on Ritual Murders.

### ACT FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dr. Manning Reports on Progress of Work—Thirty Denominations Join in World Movement.

Two proceedings bore witness yesterday to the catholicity of that Church which even now is debating a change of name to emphasize this quality. Its House of Deputies, assembled in the New Synod Hall, Morningside Heights, considered first a long and encouraging report on the movement for Christian unity, and then it adopted unanimously a resolution calling upon the orthodox Russian Church to announce that charges of Jewish ritual murder are "without foundation or justification in the teachings or practice of the religion of Israel."

The deputies discussed still another subject animated by this same broad-minded inclusiveness—the proposal to change an ancient prayer of the Church that no one in or out of Christendom might point to it as an example of Pharisaism. This prayer occurs in the third collect for Good Friday. It asks God to have mercy on "all Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics." The collect reads: "O merciful God, Who hath made all men and hath made nothing that Thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word, and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold and one shepherd, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."

Dean Grosvenor's Suggestion.  
Dean William M. Grosvenor of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, had suggested that for the phrase "all Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics," there be substituted the words, "all who know Thee not, as revealed in the Gospel of Thy Son," and that there should be stricken out the words "saved among the remnant of the true Israelites and be." Another deputy offered an amendment yesterday substituting "Thine ancient people Israel and all who have erred in darkness" for the former phrase.

The resolution, with the amendment.

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## BISHOP WINCHESTER OF ARKANSAS PREACHING IN WALL STREET.



was referred back to the committee on the Prayer Book. This committee, it is expected, will soon recommend its passage and the house will act on the recommendation.

Mention should be made in this relation, too, of the address of Bishop McKim, of Tokyo, before the joint session in the afternoon, met to consider "The Church in China and Japan."

"The statement has been made," he said, "that the Japanese cannot assimilate our ideals and never can become real Americans. I venture to challenge the statement. The history of the Japanese in the last fifty years is sufficient answer to this charge. They are the most assimilative people in the world."

"No nation in the same period has made such progress and undergone such drastic and fundamental changes without disruption as Japan. Oriental by arbitrary lines of longitude, Japan is Occidental in her ideals and aspirations, and has a truer and nobler conception of the duty of man to his brother man than many who profess dark and terrible things of the yellow peril."

"The Japanese can contribute not a little that is valuable to our national life. While it may not be easy for foreigners of any nationality to become thoroughly Americanized in the first generation, I am convinced that the second generation of Japanese born in America will yield to none in their love for their adopted country and devotion to everything that makes for the nation's good."

With the exception of Bishop McKim, the men most active yesterday in support of the cosmopolitan conceptions were New York men whose sympathies have been tempered in this boiling caldron of nationalities and religions. Dean Grosvenor not only proposed amending the Prayer Book in the particular already mentioned, but he called upon the House to vote unanimously for the resolution bearing upon the "ritual murder" case now on trial in Russia.

The Rev. John Howard Melish, of Brooklyn, introduced this resolution, which reads:

"We call upon the archbishops, bishops and other leaders of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church of Russia to make formal pronouncement that charges of so-called ritual murders are without foundation or justification in the teachings and practice of the religion of Israel."

"And remind them that in the early days of Christianity similar charges were made through ignorance and superstition against our own most holy religion."

### For Christian Unity.

The report on the movement for Christian unity, considered to be the most important by far to all of these subjects, was introduced by the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity Church. At its last general convention, held three years ago in Cincinnati, the Protestant Episcopal Church appointed a joint commission to bring about a world conference of all Christian communions recognizing the divinity of Christ. As chairman of the committee on plan and scope of this commission, Dr. Manning has been among the most active of all churchmen in the movement.

The report he submitted yesterday dealt with the progress made in the last three years, and recommended that the commission be continued. Dr. Manning personally supplemented this recommendation with another, that the commission be incorporated. He pointed out the advantage it would then enjoy as a permanent organization, particularly in the receipt of contributions. It still has about \$75,000 left of the \$100,000 given by J. Pierpont Morgan in 1910.

The commission has been persuading the various other Christian denominations here and abroad each to appoint a commission similar to that of the Protestant Episcopal Church as the first step. Up to the time of the printing of the report, August 19, 1913, Secretary Robert H. Gardiner, of the Episcopal commission, had received notice of the appointment of such commissions or committees by the following thirty denominations or religious councils:

The Protestant Episcopal Church, the National Council of Congregational Churches, the Disciples of Christ, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Executive Committee of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, Western, or American, section; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; the Southern Baptist Convention, the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province; the Reformed Church in the United States, the Methodist Episcopal Church, Canada, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the Chinese Church, Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui; the Church of England, the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province; the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland, the Methodist Church in Canada, the Church of England in Argentina, the Episcopal Church in Scotland, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland,

the Nippon Sei Kokwai (the Holy Catholic Church of Japan), the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, and the Church of England in India.

### Prompt and Cordial Responses.

The report says: "Immediately after the appointment of your commission, in October, 1910, steps were taken to secure the co-operation of our fellow Christians in the United States. The leading Protestant communions in this country promptly and cordially responded, and the majority of them now have commissions or committees officially appointed to represent them."

"With a view to obtaining co-operation on the part of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox churches, and as a preliminary to more formal approaches, important conferences have been held by members of your commission with Archbishop Platon of the Holy Orthodox Church of Russia in New York, and with Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal Farley, of the Roman Catholic Church."

"Archbishop Platon has expressed hearty approval of the undertaking and great interest in it, and has promised to urge the matter upon the cordial consideration of the Holy Orthodox Church of Russia. Similar expressions of interest and assurances of support have been received from Archbishop Serapion, of the Church of Armenia."

"The first interview with Cardinal Gibbons was soon after the organization of this commission. His eminence expressed friendly interest in the subject, a desire to be kept informed of the progress of the movement, and a conviction both that clear statements of positions would show them to be nearer together than had been supposed and that only good could come of the effort to promote the spirit in which such a conference should be undertaken."

"Similar sentiments have been expressed orally by Cardinal Farley, and by letter by a number of other cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests of the Roman Catholic Church in various parts of the world."

As for the old Catholic churches in Europe, Dr. Manning said yesterday that only ten days ago at a convention in Cologne they announced their intention of taking part in the conference.

### To Promote World Conference.

The immediate object of this organization in behalf of Christian unity is to promote a world conference of Christian churches "at which there shall be consideration not only of points of difference and agreement between Christians, but of the values of the various approximations of belief characteristic of the several churches. . . . The business of the commission is not to force any particular scheme of unity, but to promote the holding of a world conference."

The commission reported that it was "our conviction that such a conference for the purpose of study and discussion, without power to legislate or to adopt resolutions, is the next step toward unity."

"The very modesty of this attempt," said Dr. Manning, "is what makes it hopeful. The first step is a humble step, but it is perhaps the greatest toward a viable reunion of these communions separated from one another and toward the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer that all may become one."

"Three years is but a short time, and yet I believe that all those who read this report will be convinced that more has been accomplished in the last three years than any of us three years ago would have dared to believe possible. It is all due to the eagerness for Christian unity, which is wellnigh universal."

"The simple fact is that there never was a time since the disunion of Christendom when the great cause spoke to the imaginations of men as to-day. The day must come when we shall say these estrangements are intolerable and they should cease. While in all the world we see that co-operation is the word, in religion the word is that competition is the life of trade."

"Let us show as strongly as we can that religion means agreement in the essentials and wide diversity in all things non-essential, and while recognizing this unity in diversity, and diversity in unity, which we see in the Godhead itself, Christians will have fellowship in the family on earth."

The House voted to continue the commission and to incorporate it.

The House of Bishops has accepted the resignation of three of its members, two of whom are retiring from active service by reason of age and infirmity, and the other is to change the field of his endeavors.

The two retiring on account of age are the Right Rev. Dr. Lemuel Henry Wells, Missionary Bishop of Spokane, and the Right Rev. Dr. William Crane Gray, Missionary Bishop of Southern Florida.

The third bishop is the Right Rev. Dr. Allison Williamson Knight, Missionary Bishop of Cuba. Bishop Knight retires from active service in order to become vice-chancellor of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn.

The resignation of these three bishops creates five vacancies in the House of Bishops, all in missionary districts. Bishop James H. Van Buren, of Porto Rico, resigned a year ago, and Bishop John Mills

Kendrick, of New Mexico, died December 16, 1911. The House of Bishops will nominate to the House of Deputies on Saturday successors of all these men.

### Pension System Adopted.

The morning session of the House of Bishops was taken up by the reading of the preliminary report of the joint commission on the support of the clergy. The particular subject under discussion was the pensioning of the clergy.

The scheme for pension, in brief, is as follows: A minister, after reaching the age of sixty-five, is entitled to retire on a pension equal to one-half his average annual salary since his ordination; provided that no pension to a clergyman shall exceed \$3,000 a year.

The widow of a clergyman is entitled to a pension of one-half of the pension to which her husband would have been entitled.

Provision is made for the orphans of clergymen. For orphans under seven years old \$100 a year is allowed; between seven and fourteen, \$200; between fourteen and twenty-one, during dependency, \$300 a year.

The report was sent back by the bishops to the joint commission with instructions to prepare resolutions putting the provisions into effect.

The meeting to be held in Carnegie Hall to-morrow evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, promises to be one of the most impressive gatherings of the general convention. It will include an ecclesiastical procession, containing practically all of the bishops attending the convention, headed by crucifer and choir.

Three hundred vested choristers will occupy the platform behind the bishops. The speakers will be Bishop Graves, of Shanghai; Bishop Brent, of the Philippines; and George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia.

Saturday afternoon a special train will take members of the House of Bishops and of the House of Deputies to Annandale, Dutchess County, N. Y., for a visit to St. Stephen's College.

## BISHOPS IN WALL STREET

Three at Noonday Meeting Arranged by Henry Clews.

Henry Clews took three bishops and a missionary from the Protestant Episcopal convention to Wall Street yesterday to conduct a noonday meeting at Broad and Wall streets. The missionary was the Rev. William Wilkinson, known as the "Bishop of Wall Street."

The first speaker, Bishop Winchester, of Arkansas, said that his state was free from graft and that "white slavery" did not exist there.

"It is a state where the Cross has been erected alongside the Stars and Stripes," he said.

When Bishop Winchester had prayed for the people of this city Bishop Beecher, of Nebraska, told how the church in his state was trying to start young men in the right path.

Bishop Funston, of Idaho, issued a call for men and women to go to his state. There were only two persons to the square mile there, he said. Mr. Wilkinson, who followed, said that no New Yorker would care to go to a place where it was necessary to walk two miles to find a girl.

Other bishops will speak at future meetings.

## EPISCOPAL WOMEN MEET

Daughters of the King Open Triennial Convention.

The Daughters of the King held the first business session of their triennial convention in St. Agnes' Parish House yesterday. Mrs. Adam Dennead, of Baltimore, president of the organization, presided, and Miss Emma E. Behlendorf, of New York, was the secretary.

At the morning session, at 9:30 o'clock, after prayer by the Rev. Thomas J. Lacey, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Mrs. Joseph Simeon Wood, president of the local assembly of New York, made the address of welcome. The general secretary reported the formation of seventy-three new chapters since the last triennial, with 656 members, and twenty-three new junior chapters, with a membership of 212. The afternoon session opened at 2:30 o'clock over the discussion of proposed amendments to the constitution, which will be voted upon at the business meeting to-morrow morning.

In the evening there was a service in St. Agnes' Chapel, with a sermon by Bishop John Gardner Murray, of Maryland. The Right Rev. Dr. Charles Sumner Burch, bishop suffragan of New York, presided.

The convention of the Woman's Auxiliary was continued yesterday with conferences in St. Michael's Parish House at 11 a. m., followed at noon by noonday prayers and missionary talks. The mission study classes met for a daily session at 9:30 a. m.

The headquarters of the Church Periodical Club during the convention are at St. Michael's Parish House. The room is open every day, and officials of the club are there to talk on the work. The C. P. C. rooms, at No. 281 Fourth avenue, are also open every day.

## NEW LABOR LITANY SUNG AT CATHEDRAL

Evils of Child Labor and Ill Paid Toil of Women Cited by Social Service Board.

### IN ST. JOHN'S CRYPT

All Shades of Opinion Expressed by Speakers at Mass Meeting—Much Credit Given to Bishop Potter.

A brand new litany, citing the "evils of child labor and the ill paid toil of women," was said last night in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Cathedral Parkway. The meeting, under the auspices of the joint commission on social service, was the first of its kind to be held since the commission was appointed, three years ago, so the new prayer to meet modern social demands was used.

The mass meeting was opened by the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," followed by the Lord's Prayer and the "social litany," which, in part, follows:

"From the sins that divide us, from all class bitterness and race hatred, from the forgetfulness of Thee and indifference to our fellow men, good Lord, deliver us."

"From the corruption of the franchise and civil government, from greed and the arbitrary love of power, good Lord, deliver us."

"From the fear of unemployment and the evils of overwork, from the curse of child labor and the ill paid toil of women, good Lord, deliver us."

"That the labor movement may be confirmed in disinterested honor and the employers of labor may fashion their dealings according to the laws of equity, we beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

The new litany was prepared by members of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and sent to the convention by Bishop Philip Mercer Rhinelander, of Pennsylvania.

The four speakers at the meeting were Bishop William Lawrence, of Massachusetts; Bishop Franklin S. Spalding, of Utah; Dean Walter T. Sumner, of Chicago, and Rathbone Walter, a delegate from Providence. All the speakers emphasized the value of the social service as a part of the modern tendency in the Episcopal Church.

All shades of opinion were expressed in the speeches, from that of radical socialism to praise by Dean Sumner of the men of wealth in the Church who had dedicated themselves to the cause of social reform.

Bishop Lawrence said the new movement, which has become known as social service in the Church, was due to the activities of the late Bishop Henry C. Potter, who had inherited his sense of the new social spirit from his father, Alonzo Potter, of Philadelphia.

"All new movements," said Bishop Lawrence, "must be traced to the enthusiasm and genius of some person, and if we go back it will be seen that the pioneer in this recognition on the part of churchmen to what has become popularly known as social and industrial justice was Bishop Potter."

Bishop Lawrence said that neither society nor the Church could afford to ignore a "seething spirit of restlessness" on the part of the working classes.

The address of Bishop Spalding, of Utah, was more or less a plea for the socialistic idea. He characterized the convention as capitalistic, but he deprecated sabotage, and said that the worker needed the spirit of Christianity to furnish him with enthusiasm.

The mass meeting was well attended, almost a thousand persons being present in the crypt.

Several "social service conferences" were held yesterday morning in the chapel of Columbia University. The conference at 10:30 a. m. was on "Co-operation with Secular Agencies." The speakers were the Rev. Samuel Tyler, of Cincinnati; the Rev. Dr. J. P. Peters, of this city; Robert A. Woods, of Boston, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the secretary of the National Municipal League.

"Education for Social Service" was the afternoon topic. Dean Susan T. Knapp, of Barnard College, was followed by the Rev. Dr. George Hodges, dean of the Episcopal Theological School, at Cambridge.

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